

AGENDA SUMMARY PAGE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF: MARCH 21, 2007

DEPARTMENT: OFFICE OF COMMUNICATIONS
DIRECTOR: DAVID RIGGLEMAN

SUBJECT:
RECOGNITION OF PERSIAN HERITAGE MONTH

BACKUP DOCUMENTATION:
Submitted at meeting – Copy of Proclamation declaring Persian Heritage Month

Minutes:
No motion required. A presentation was made.

COUNCILMAN WOLFSON announced with pleasure that the Spring Equinox, a day in which night and day are almost equal, was being celebrated that day. On this day, the Persian New Year, Norouz (or New Day), is celebrated as a time for family and friends to gather and appreciate life's bounty. This is a tradition dating back 3,000 years. With the approximate 10,000 individuals of Persian descent that now live in Las Vegas and play a significant role in the success of this community, the PPS (Persian Professionals Society) organizes and promotes various community events, including the annual Norouz celebration on the first day of spring and various cultural events through Clark County libraries. In celebration of Norouz, many members of the Persian community were present, including KHOSROW ALIGHCHI, International Church of Las Vegas Ministry Leader; FIROUZEH FOROUZMAND, PPS member; and OZZIE MIRKHAH, member of the Persian community and CLV Fire and Rescue, COUNCILMAN WOLFSON presented a Proclamation to MS. FOROUZMAND and declared March 2007 to be Persian Heritage Month.

MS. FOROUZMAND thanked the Council for this recognition, which the Persian community considers to be a historic moment for Las Vegas. As a token of appreciation, she presented each Council member with books representing the Persian homeland, a framed First Human Rights Charter signed 529 B.C. by Cyrus the Great and a replica in silver.